

## **First Holy Communion – some practical details!**

- Parking at the Church of Our Lady and St David can be difficult – the town centre car park is an option
- Please get to the church about 15 minutes before Mass is due to start
- Seating – in the church of Our Lady and St David each child will have one seat in the centre aisles of the church, with no allocated seats. Other family members may sit in the side aisles. In Sallins and TwoMileHouse there will also be one seat per child.  
In Ballycane, there is half a pew for each child. There will be space in the church for extra guest – the stewards will guide you.
- Please do not take photographs during the ceremony. This complies with both the parish and school safeguarding policies. There will be time for photos at the end. There will be one class photo taken and this will be shared with parents.
- There will be a booklet or a PowerPoint presentation with the prayers for the Mass and the words of the hymns. Please join in the responses to support your child!
- During the Mass, we ask families to respect the sacred nature of the celebration, and to keep a prayerful atmosphere, particularly at Communion time. We would like the last child to receive their First Holy Communion in the same quiet atmosphere as the first.
- Please remember to remove gloves before coming to the altar.
- If parents and siblings, or other family members do not wish to receive Holy Communion they are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Just cross your arms to let the priest know that this is what you want.
- If your child requires a low gluten host please make the priest aware when you come to the Altar. Low gluten hosts are available at the side of the Altar for anyone else who needs it.